

TAKES TEACHER TO COURT FROM FATHER SICKBED

Alma Holmes Had To Testify in Doctor Poland Case

**Secretary of No-Tobacco League
on Trial Here Today**

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS CHARGED

School Boy Tells of Agony of the Dying Cat.

**First Criminal Case Before
Judge Robert Garver.**

Alma Holmes, a teacher at Lafayette school, was today brought from the bedside of her father, who is critically ill, to testify in the first division of the district court in the case of the city against Dr. E. M. Poland, secretary for the No-Tobacco league charged with using cruel and inhuman methods in killing a cat with nicotine for demonstrative purposes.

was subpoenaed for the defense. She was brought from her home in a motor car and rushed back to her father's bedside again immediately after giving her testimony. It was stated by H. O. Caster, attorney for the defense, that Doctor Poland was critically ill but he characterized the witness as an "important" one.

The case of Doctor Poland was the first one to be called today when twenty-five criminal cases appealed from police court came up for judgment before Judge Robert Garver. Incidentally, this is the first jury criminal case to be heard by Garver since he ascended to the bench.

At different times, considerable vaudeville was injected thru testimony, sixteen witnesses being sworn and this was supplemented by "Alphonse and Gaston" maneuvers on the part of Caster and George P. Hayden city attorney, who led the prosecution. Hayden was assisted by Gene Villipigne, assistant city attorney, and

services for the Foster Humane so-
ciety, which is taking an active hand
in the prosecution. Kilmaurs Kin,
and Miss Kate King were both in the
courtroom, Kilmaurs testifying.

The offense charged against Polan
took place last November. At the

crusade here against tobacco and incidentally taking up collections among school children to help defray expenses, found himself the subject of considerable censure for killing the cat before the children.

Mayor House took a hand and was instrumental in having the warrant for Poland's arrest issued. Rev. Robert Gordon, pastor of the First Baptist church, lined up in opposition to the "indignation" side and came near getting into a "forceful argument with Father Williams. Many rebels

Poland was convicted in police court and fined \$10 by Judge Paul Heinz. He appealed to the district court and gave \$100 bond.

Some trouble was experienced this morning in getting jurors who didn't have "ideas" of their own about the

possessed opinions relative to the propriety of killing the cat in the presence of the school children and were promptly challenged by Carter. Testimony introduced by the prosecution was offered in an attempt to show that the cat suffered physical agony.

Boy on Stand
The strongest witness for the state was probably Kieth Montgomery, a student at Lafayette school and the boy who "supplied" the cat. The youth said a rope was tied around the animal's neck and while it was hanging

by two boys Doctor Poland dipped the wire into a vial of nicotine and rubbed the wire on the cat's tongue. Kletli declared the cat pawed at its mouth and then threw itself on its back, kicked and lay still. Other children said the cat's "eyes bulged out."

Both sides completed testimony a noon. This afternoon the judge read

MOVE PROBE TO K. C.
Open Packing House Investigation

Washington, March 18.—Transfer of the government's packing investigation from Chicago to Kansas City with the first hearings tomorrow, was announced today by the federal trade commission.

WEATHER IS IDEAL

Brand That Poets Use for Model
Says "Sunny" Flora.

7 o'clock.....	44	11 o'clock.....	6
8 o'clock.....	49	12 o'clock.....	7
9 o'clock.....	59	1 o'clock.....	7
10 o'clock.....	61	2 o'clock.....	7

Today was an ideal spring day w/ the temperature averaging 16 degrees above normal. At 3 o'clock this after

This is the weather, S. D. Flora meteorologist, says that the poets use for a model when they paint their word pictures of spring. But the poets are not agriculturists, and the farmers find a fly in the ointment.

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